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LEGALIZE THE PRIMARY. going to press still show a large preponderance in favor of the primary. convention at Reanoke will be to climthe replies; proves that the intelliobjection upon the cost of the syssally base their allegiance on the strength that the primary lends to the

There is a noticeable disposition to declare that the primary causes party strife. To The Times-Dispatch, however, it seems that such strife is an the conflict of opposing wishes behe noise and heat, but there is a far jority than is possible in the average of the machinery is but an indication of the lack of participation of the people generally.

leaders can make a desert and call it but from such leveled fields there is scant place for growth and play of popular will. If the Roanoke convention has real leadership, it wil devise a method of ridding the priof its greatest defects. First among these is the lack of a definite were demanded from the Legis The battlefields of the world at they and their fellows might b heard. Beside such sacrifices the few thousand dollars involved in paying for a primary is altogether lighter than the small dust in the balance.

THE CITY'S OPTION ON YOUNG'S POND.

Councilman Hunsdon Cary at the last meeting of the Common Council stated had secured option for ninety on the Rosewood tract, better idea of exercising it himself solely that the city might hav mond over thirty years of age remempicnic and skating place of Richmond With the growth of Lakeside and the better facilities there for picnics, the former glory of Young's Pond some what waned.

Dancing pavilions or soda takes years to create massive and spreading oaks as those which shade the open market the price asked for it. The Times-Dispatch is not urging the city to go into a land speculation, adapted for a park, and, as the city wifehood and motherhood." grows, will become yearly more valu-

erate cost involved and the certainty made. The City Council might just as population accordingly.

THE REPUBLICAN IDOL.

the Chicago convention. It will not only nominate its candidate, but will

eral tariff revision than was expected. Tariff reformers need not be unduly "Why have men no directoire pants?" demands Poet Judd Mortimer Lewis, it should the Democratic party fail to Well, we'll bite, Why haven't they? make the sincere and thorough revision of existing rates an emphatic and plear declaration of its own platform. . In the present state of opinion on much room,

this subject among the Republican reform. Their past history in regard to it can permit only the most credudo in changing the schedules will give any relief from the Dingley impost fore of the need of lower duties-at a time when the tariff was looked upon its reform was more protection. .50 .25 day, when a highly protective tariff has .25 ... become a delicate and sacred idol, to be approached with awe and care, lest there is small chance that its beneficlaries and worshipers will abridge its accustomed sacrifices.

BACCALAUREATES.

The rush of sweet girl graduates to commencement cant lads, is again on, and the ring of the well-considered baccalaureate ad dress is once more audible in the land. These baccalaureates are interesting and valuable, for they closely reflect ment. It is interesting to note how their tenor has changed. tion ago the distinguished divines and doctors of philosophy who addressed graduating classes usually urged the young men specifically to bestir themselves and accomplish something, t do and dare, to strive, endeavor, and haply, make a noise in the world. Now they are giving much sedater ad The bulk of their negative: it is against extravagance and excess, against the lust of money against the sacrifice of the repose to the prod of ambition.

The fact is that the earlier lesson has been learned too well. Nobody has to tell us, as a people, to work and to struggle to "get on." It is constitutrouble is, indeed, that we are disinclined to do anything else. We are apt not to think we are living unles we are heetle with excitement, and a spelling success. Mr. Kipling told th McGill students on a certain to make money with one hand if they had to, but in the name of everything that is fitting, to consecrate the other hand to doing something else. Two hands are too much to give to a pure ly incidental thing like annexing wealth. The more time the baccalaureate orators can persuade the coming men to give to things outside their offices, the better are they discharging their mission.

WOMEN "REMONSTRANTS" AGAINST

WOMEN'S RIGHTS. In portions of the world removed from our own doorstep woman's sufmportance. The manoeuvres in this ield of thought which have agitated England to its foundations have long been familiar, and now Mr. Asquith's surrender to them has wafted joy lady reformers everywhere. In this Thus, as one exhibit of many June 5th, indignantly denying that the vote drives women crazy, and proving her contention by some figures from

Finland. Progress of suffragette sentiment in the United States may perhaps be gauged by the fact there are now eight Island and Washington all have their these, the Massachusetts association appears to be the strongest and most active, possibly owing to the fact that the females in that State exceed the Washinston Post. males by some 75,000. This body con tains over 12,000 members drawn from 255 cities, towns and villages, and publishes a paper called "The Remonstrance." Its carnestness would doubt less surprise those who had imagined less surprise those who had imagined that no American women were really message was sent to Clifden.

In the last quarter-century, women the rolling hillsides around Young's have acquired at least partial suffrage Pond. The tract is 262.6 acres, and is, in areas of the world's surface amounttherefore, offered to the city at about ing to 20,000,000 square miles and sup-\$123.28 an acre. We are informed that porting a population of over 385,000,000. a competent estimate gives 1,000,000 Some of this area is in our own West. feet of salable timber outside of the Yet it is patent enough that the subpak grove, and, as building or farming ject has never even touched the vast lots the land is abundantly worth in majority of American homes. Our women are no more interested in it than they are in the theory of the nebular hypothesis or Aldrich On the Currency; but it is worth recalling that the city has never that that the city has never that that Young's Pond is it has bought, that Young's Pond is and the screams of the more excited the last great tract of virgin forest ed one advanced step which has not near Richmond, that it is perfectly been blocked by these two words-Mrs. Harper set down that truth in bitterness, but her sisters accept it with immeasurable content. "Advanced steps" seem the availability of this site, the mod- to have no allurement for them what

that the city can lose nothing by the ment of universal suffrage without rethat the city can lose ment of universal suttrage without re-investment form a very strong argu-gard to sex; it is her privilege to do ment for the motion which Mr. Cary so. Intelligent observers all over the world would observe such an experiwell understand the fact that Rich-ment with the utmost interest, deeply mond is going to be a great city, and curious to see how a great nation prepare for the needs of the coming would fare under a government by the emotions of its women.

However, if fate ordained that some The Republican IDOL.

The Roosevelt-Taft section of the satesman had to be content with a satery of \$1 a year, we are inclined to think that the Mayor of Timpson, Texas, is the man.

Frank H. Hitchcock is running the determine the platform.

The outcome of this control is probably to be the promise of a more lib
Taft bandwagon in Chicago with a vigor and determination which indicate inexorable designs upon the Postmaster-Generalship of the United

For one thing, Chicago is a good-sized town, and for another, the Knox and Cannon booms will not take up

Rhymes for To-Day

OUR TIRED RICH.

According to the London Dally Mail, the privilege of driving a public coach professionally on English roads for seven weeks will cost Alfred Gwynne Vanderbitt \$12,500. Fortunately, however, Mr. Vanderbitt is not dependent on his coach-line for food and lodging.]

STEPPED into the cabby's cab, and off we went together:
He drove me near nine miles, I trow, in wind and stormy weather:

weather; when my journey ended and I sought to pay full measure, laughed me back; "Oh, fawney! Why, I do this for my pleasure."

hired me a valet and when after several seasons

several seasons, not once asked his money, I in-quired for his reasons, he: "I found the Brooke Club growing duller, sir, and duller— "I'm trying sociology, and you're my local color."

went into a butcher's shop-his smile

I went into a butcher's snop—nis Smile was quite unsmirky:
He handed me eight canvas-backs and forty pounds of turkey.
"How much?" I gasped. He waved his hand like one who leads cotillons

"No chawge," he sighed, "tis just me sport. Me name is Jack de Mil-yuns." H. S. H.

MERELY JOKING.

The Oldest Question in the World

"So, doctor, you are still single. Ah, I fear that you are somewhat of a woman hater."
"Nay, madame; it is to avoid becoming one that I remain a bachelor."—Boston Transcriut.

Thoroughly Consistent.

"The people who say that women are in-constant and inconsistent," declares the Philosopher of Folly, "are dend wrome, A few years ago a girl told me she was just twenty-two, and she sticks to the same fig-ures to-day."—Cleveland Leader, Appropriate.

"I am looking for an appropriate name for my new home."
"You say it is the highest spot in the "The very highest."
"Call it "The Ace." -Newark Star.

A New Cuss.

"The climate here is salubrious, isn't it?"
remarked the tourist.
"Say, friend," replied the native, "jest
write that there word down fur me, will
yer? I git tired o' swearin' at this climate
in the same old way. That's a new one."— Philadelphia Press.

Giving Himself Away.

ours must have been a bookkeeper before to came to you."
Second Farmer: "Why so?".
First Farmer: "I notice that every time is stops work for a few minutes he puts he pitchfork behind his ear."—Woman's dome Companion.

REMARKS BY THE PARAGRAPHERS.

PERHAPS the time will come, or Texas, when the title of "Juda

The form of the fish-hook has not been changed in 200 years, says a sporting authority. Neither has the form of the fish lyin' for that matter.—Omaha Bec.

ed loose by the government hatcher rts. Stark famine no longer threaten chorus girls of the land,—Baltimor

has wasted in life he regards as the great-est waste the time he has spent in waiting for his wife to dress.—Atchison Globe.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

There is a successful fox farm on Prince Edward Island. Skins in their green con-dition are valued at from \$200 to \$250 each, one or two reaching \$450.

Consul-General Robert J. Wynne reports that taxicabs have become such popular street vehicles in London that the demand for them is much greater than the supply

The exporters of skins felt the effects of the financial troubles in the United States nore than any other class, for the reason lat nearly all skins shipped from India vent to the United States.

The port of Tsingtau is situated in the German colony of Klaochow, 298 miles north of Shanghai, 7,000 miles from San Fran-cisco, 13,884 miles from New York, via Suoz and Liverpool, and 1,728 miles from Manila. The family of Lieutenant Fausca, the coung Brazilian army officer, who was kill-drecently in a balloon ascension, will be atted for by the government if a bill just issented in the Chamber of Deputies is assed.

he same fund.

Prof. Charles G. Rivot, of St. Louis, has and bestowed upon him the decoration of officer d'academie by the French government. Not more than five or six Americans have been given this honor. Prof. Rivot has published litteen French poems in opic, ragic and pastoral verse, which have attracted wide attention.

Prof. Gource P. Merritt, hand of the prof.

tragic and pastoral verse, which have attracted wide attention.

Prof. George P. Merrill, head of the Department of Geology of the United States National Museum, has gone to Butte, Mont., to be present at a number of deep berings to be made in Canyon Diabole crater, the gauss of which has been a puzzle to genlogists ever since it was brought to their attention. Some men of science believe the decreasion to be an extinct voicano and others to be the record of the impact of a other to be made in Canyon, which is the first of her sex to win the Pereira have inneteen which struck the earth centuries ago.

A girl of twenty-two, Miss Gertrude Wren, is the first of her sex to win the Pereira medial for excellence in chemistry, one of the most-highly prized awards of the Pharmaceutical Society of London. At the age of eighteen she began the study of her specially at a girls' high school in Candon Town. Botany is another study in which Miss Wren has taken a great interest, and some time ago she won a silver medal for superiority in that field.

One Dry College.

Leland Stanford University has gone dry" following the protracted troubles over Student drinking. Intoxicants tre to be strictly excluded from stu-lent boarding places and fraternity touses. The step is mourned as a blow o college hospitality, but the effect may prove salitary. As yet however houses. The step is mourned as a blow to college hospitality, but the effect may prove salutary. As yet, however Harvard, Yale and Princeton have shown no signs of following the ex-smale,—Springfield Union.

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FRITORIAL EXPRESSIONS ON THE SUB-JECT OF THE PHIMARY.

I Indersement of Convention.

Just what action will be taken by the state Democratic Convention with reference to the primary when it meets in this city iext week is problematical. But the fact is recognized that the convention, in resolving against it, as many seem to think it will do, goes on record as reversing its former attitude. In this Norfolk convention of 1902 this declaration was adopted:

"We declare ourselves as favoring the principle of the selection of party candidates by primary election, believing this to be the sures; method of arriving at the will of the people and maintaining Democratic institutions."—Roanoke "Imes. Indorsement of Convention.

Remedy the Sole Objection.

Primary Elections

BY LEWIS H. MACHEN.

Advantages.

In view of the enormous growth of popular sentiment In recent years in

favor of primary elections, it must be conceded that they present some important advantages over the old methods of making nominations.

One of these advantages is that they allow a larger participation of the masses of the party in the selection of candidates than any other method which has been devised. The earliest method, consisting of small, secret and exclusive conferences, was the least performed to formulate a go, when the exprisoners' Aid Somethod, consisting of small, secret and exclusive conferences, was the least performed to formulate a go, when the exprisoners' Aid Somethod, consisting of small, secret and exclusive conferences, was the least performed to formulate a go, when the exprisoners' Aid Somethod, consisting of small, secret and exclusive conferences, was the least performed to formulate a go, when the exprisoners' Aid Somethod to formulate a go, when the exprisoners' Aid Some

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pertified Therefore the everage citieritied. Therefore, the average cit-een finds that he can take part in the selection of candidates in a primary nore conveniently and effectively than

n any kind of meeting.
The ward and district meetings impose a double burden upon those se-lected as delegates to the city and county conventions, because they usu-ally find it necessary to attend both the meetings and the convention. Where the city and county conventions send delegates to a district or State convention the burden is threefold in

both time and expense.

Another advantage of a primary is Another advantage of a primary is that each voter is certain of having his proper influence in the selection of candidates, unless there is fraud in the election. A man who has made up his mind to do a certain thing can do it himself better than through a representative. It has many times hap pened that delegates selected for on pened that delegates selected for one man have been won over to another. Bargains, swaps and deals of every kind may be made in a convention, and candidates may be nominated with little or no reference to their merits.

This is especially true where the opposition party is so weak that a nomination is equivalent to an election.

In a primary there is a certainty that the nomination will be made in a single day, except in those States is which the plan provides for a second primary in case of a failure at any candidate to receive a majority of the votes cast. On the other hand, it frequently occurs that a convention may wrangle for days without making a nomination. In some cases there are honeless deadlocks, while in others a

Voice of the People

ployment. It is exceedingly difficult to get them a decent boarding place in the interim.

I recall one occasion when just such it young men came from the penitentiary so rapidly, with so much that appealed to us in each separate case, that four of them at one time were taken itemporarily into a private family, because no suitable boarding-house wanted them.

Has not the time come when we can have a place near the city for the exconvict and for the ex-deunkard and for any others whom it would be well to send to such a place temporarily?

No reports that were received during the Conference of Charities in Richmond, seemed to stir the people more, than those showing the splendid results from such correction farms and homes in other sections of our country.

Mr. Robert Lecky, whose judgment in such things is worth much, said to me at the close of the conference:

"There is the most urgent need for a correction farm, and we should take yit up at once and not stop until it is in operation."

GEORGE H. WILEY.

The Romance of Buried Pictures.

A romantic story of a picture purchased at a London auction which on expert examination proved to be painted over a Rombrandt worth £8,000 is curiously reminiscent of the discovery of a Correggio under similar circumstances. A good many years ago two provides the millions of horse power now going to a stances. A good many years ago two waste in the mountain fastnesses of a number of old pictures in order to provide themiselves with canvases for a number of old pictures in order to provide themiselves with canvases for the people and the provide themiselves with canvases for the provide themiselves with the provide the

es hapfor one
another.
The centenary of Jefferson Davis
passed without any allusions to the
alleged potitionat episode or to the
sour apple tree. Thus are the clouds
that lowered upon our house in the
deep bosom of oblivion buried.—Boston
Herald.

er will be one of the things to come as a result of this twentieth century development.

There is even a possibility that wire transmission of power may be succeeded in the future. Wireless telegraphy looked impossible until within a few years ago. Seeing by wire, or telephotography, would seem an idle dream but for the fact that we know it has been accomplished. But beyond this even, we would have regarded the discharging of a torped by wireless communication, within a range of seven miles, as impossible. And yet this is a recent accomplishment. Is not that a wonderful first step in the direction of the wireless transmission of power? So that, after all, the dream of the farmer replantable in the dream of the farmer replantable in the dream of the farmer replantable in the dream of the farmer replantable. Who can calculate the force with which the billows break upon our coasts? Some one has invented a turbine which may be anchored in midstream to eatch the power of the water as it rushes onward in the universal impulse to find a resting place as near to the centre of the earth as possible. May the century not bring the waves as they break upon our shores?

For generations man has dreamed of the utilization of the energy of the sun's rays. But it has remained for the twentich century to take the restriction of the energy of the sun's rays. But it has remained for the twentich century to take the restriction of the energy of the sun's rays. But it has remained for the twentich century to take the restriction of the energy of the sun's rays. But it has remained for the twentich century to take the restriction of the energy of the sun's rays. But it has remained for the twentich century to take the restriction of the energy of the sun's rays. But it has remained for the twentich century to take the restriction of the energy of the sun's rays. But it has remained for the twentich century to take the restriction of the energy of the sun's rays. But it has remained for the twentich century to take the restriction of



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s the world to-day looks back upon reign of Elizabeth as the golden of letters, upon the era of Pericles the golden age of Greek civilization, the world of the ruture will look to build one in Florida to be used for

as the golden age of Greek civilization, so the world of the future will look to build one in Florida to be used for to back upon the twentieth century as the golden age of science. The wonderful inventions and discoveries of the nine-teenth century have already changed the whole world, but there is good reas for the faith of scientific mental from the hand of the sower, the promise of the full fruition to come in this present century.

The scientists of the United States do not lead all the world, it is true, but the Americans are first in the application of science to practical affairs. There was a time when the scientists was a rectuse who pursued his

scientist was a rectuse who pursued his the love of his work. Nowadays the scientist works with a purpose—and that purpose the desire to lighten the burden, increase the usefulness and add to the pleasure of every living and will be imperative nerman.

add to the pleasure of every living man.

Every field of human inquiry is being examined into with the slow, pattent, careful and intelligent questioning of the scientist. Every discovery made is instantly applied to some problem of actual life. Time was, and not so long ago, that the world laughted at the bespectacled man who bent for years over his microscope looking at "bugs. The world laughs no longer. That much despised "buglogist" has freed the race from mortal fear of many diseases; he has found the way to prevent devastating blights which destroyed useful plants; he is still tirelessly at work for the good of mankind.

The great problem of the inventor and the scientist of the future will be the utilization of what the people now waste in this country. For instance, it is said that the railroads of the United States use 15,000,000 tons of

Revival of Famous Southern Literary

Messeager so Characterized.

It was a fine idea to revive, in honor of the centenary of Poe's birth, that famous and long defunct Richmond periodical, the Southern Literary Messeager, of which he was editor after the various adventures and misfortunes which culminated in his disinteritance by Mr. Alian. He worked hard, if irregularly, on the Messenger, contributing to it some brilliant examples of his early criticism, verse and fiction. Extant copies of the magazine bring a good price solely because of his connection with it. The revival of this connection with it. The revival of this periodical should give a good out let for the varied literary ambitions to be noted nowadays in the South. Another Poe, unfortunately, cannot be promised, but in the way of criticism, at least, some good work is being done. The first issue of the new Southern Literary Messenger is to be looked for next January. It will be edited in Richmond, but published by the Lippincott Company in Philadelphia—another city closely associated with Poe's career.—Springfield Republican.

" RICHMOND AS A BIG AMERICAN BEAUTY " How the Chamber of Commerce and the Council Are Adver-

tising the City Elsewhere. A Virginia delegation in New York last week asked for the next convention of plano manufacturers to meet next year at Richmond. The invitation was extended by Colonel Robert E. Lee Peters. From his speech may be gathered interesting knowledge about the former seat of the Confederation.

with the war was extended by contentwesting knowledge about the former seat of the may be gathered interesting knowledge about the former seat of the Confederacy.

He told his hearers that Richmond's annual bank clearings amounted to about \$850,000,000. While the North was suffering more or less from stringent times, the capital of the Mother of States never felt a tremor, stringent times, the capital of the Mother of States never felt a tremor, stringent times, the capital of the Mother of States never felt a tremor, stringent times, the capital of the pante," Colonel Peters said. "Nor was there a single failure in business of any kind. Except through the newspapers none of us in Virginia knew that there had been trouble anywhere, "We are building more new houses this summer than we ever hullt at this time of the year in the history of the city," he continued. "We are thriving. Richmond has stopped posing as a damask flower, fragile and tender, and has become a big American Beauty."

New York has long had the splendid confidence of Richmond. When the war was over our merchants went to her rescue. The people were penalties and Richmond lay in ashes. But her people's credit was good, Storehouses were rebuilt and the shelves replenished. Soon the felds were being tilled; new conditious replaced the old. Right along ever since Richmond has grown. To-day site is the mistress of the James and the Potomac valleys and of the Blue Ridge Mountains; and more so than ever are there foundess and affection for New Yorkers by the people of Richmond.—New York American.